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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Lorenzo Servin, DOB 06/04/1985, of Beloit, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to three years in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing two 9mm pistols that had obliterated serial numbers. Servin pleaded guilty to this charge on August 30, 2006.

Servin, a member of the Latin Kings street gang, purchased the two pistols in December 2005 from Jeremy Jenkins, who had recently stolen them. Servin knew the serial numbers were obliterated, yet he admitted to police that he, in turn, sold one to a man known to him as "Twenty Five Cent."

Judge Shabaz chose a three-year sentence because of the potential for violence when gang members possess firearms and because Servin has an extensive criminal history.

The charges against Servin were the result of an investigation conducted by the Beloit Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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